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Patent Application

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Russell F. McKnight, et al.

Entitled: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING  
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May 2, 2001

To the Assistant Commissioner  
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Dear Sir:

## REQUEST FOR FILING A NATIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

Transmitted herewith for filing, please find the following:

- X  1. Specification, claims and abstract of the above-referenced patent application having  24  pages.
- X  2.  5  sheet(s) of drawing(s) ( X  formal   informal) comprising Figures  1  through  7 .
- X  3A. Declaration ( X  signed   unsigned).
- X  3B. Power of Attorney ( X  signed   unsigned).
- 3C. No filing fee, Oath, or Declaration is enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d).
- X  4. Information Disclosure Statement along with Form PTO-1449 and references.

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- X 5. This is a:    Continuation-In-Part;    Divisional;    Continuation;    substitute Application (MPEP 201.09) of Application Serial No.    filed   ;    reissue of U.S. Patent No.    filed on   ; X Original;    Provisional.

An extension to extend the life of the above prior Application to at least the date of filing hereof

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- (a)    is concurrently being filed in that prior Application,  
 (b)    was previously filed in that prior Application,  
 (c) X is not necessary for copendency.

- X 6. Attached is an assignment to Gateway, Inc. Please return the recorded assignment to the undersigned.

7. Priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on foreign filing.

	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
(1)	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>
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(3)	<u>  </u>	<u>  </u>

   (No.) Certified copy (copies)    are attached; or    were previously filed on   .

8. Attached:    (No.) verified statement(s) establishing "small entity" status under 37 CFR § 1.9 and 1.27.

- X 9. Attached:

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X Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

10. Preliminary Amendment:

Prior to a first Office Action, kindly amend the Application as follows:

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11. The following Filing Fee calculation is based on the claims filed less any claims canceled by the Preliminary Amendment of Item 10.

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TOTAL CLAIMS							
33	-20	=	13	\$9	OR	\$18	= \$234
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5	-3	=	2	\$40	OR	\$80	= \$160
If any <u>proper</u> multiple dependent claim (ignore improper) is present (Enter \$0.00 if this is a <u>reissue</u> application.)				\$135	OR	\$270	= \$0
If assignment is x'd (item 6), add recording fee \$40.00							\$40
Attached is a Rule 47 Petition (inventor refuses to sign or cannot be reached) \$130							\$0
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- X 14. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee specifically authorized hereafter, or any missing or insufficient fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith or concerning any paper filed hereafter, and may be required under 37 CFR 1.16-1.18 (missing or insufficiencies only) now or hereafter relative to this application and for the resulting Official Document under 37 CFR 1.20, and to have and cause any necessary petition for extension of time to be filed and any fees necessary to be paid for said extension of time OR credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-0439, for which purpose a duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. The Commissioner is not authorized to charge the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal form is filed.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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